जन कर रहे हैं । द हेग, बुडापेस्ट, उलान बटोर, ओडेसा, ब्लादिवास्तोक, कोलम्बो, काठमान्डू, पोट ऑफ स्पन लन्दन, पोट लुईस, पारामारिबो, जार्ज टाउन स्थित मिशन हमारे कुछ ऐसे मिशनों में से है जिनके द्वारा को गई पहलकदमियों से हमारे इस लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने में मदद मिली है ।

(ग) वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान मन्त्रालय द्वारा विभिन्न मिशनों को 1534 पत्र हिन्दी में जारी किए गए ।

ongoing dialogue between India and Pakistan

5459 . PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any dialogue is going on between India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, on which subjects. and

(c) what is the outcome of the dailogues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) In the past one year, a few rounds of official and technical level talks have been held between India and Pakistan on Permanent Indus Commission and combating drug trafficking and smuggling. The bi-annual meetings between the Border Security Force and Pak-Rangers have continued to take place. These constitute an on-going process of periodical consultations on issues of mutual concern and as part of implementation of relevant bilateral agreements.

Expenditure incurred on attending World Social Summit

5460. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total expenditure incurred by the Government of India and its agencies for preparing for and participating in the World Summit for Social Development (March 6-12 1995) Copenhagen.

(b) whether at the Summit, Government of India proposed that the Tenth Commitment on Education and Culture should also be adopted at the Summit; and

(c) whether the said proposal and other proposals, if any, made by the Government of India, were accepted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) The figures are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) India played a prominent role in ensuring that a separate commitment on education and health was included in the Copenhagen Declaration adopted at the World Summit for Social Development. The commitment was negotiated in Copenhagen by a Working Group chaired by India. India also made several other proposals on powerty eradication, employment generation, social integration, mobilisation of resources and centrallty of the people. It emphasized the need to eradicate poverty, not only as a separate goal, but as an underlying theme governing action in all areas India also ensured that the role of markets was placed in its proper perspective. These proposals find mention in the Copenhagen Declaration and the Programme of Action.

Strengthening Indo-China friendly relations

5461. SMT. BASANTI SARMA:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what in brief is the nature and extent of the high level exchanges and regular consultations at other levels of political contact between India and China;

(b) how many high level delegations have visited China during the last two years;

(c) what is being done to reinforce our relations with China; and

(d) what is the response of China to our efforts of strengthening our friendly relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) India and China have maintained a high level bilateral regional and global dialogue on issues in recent years. From China, the Premier, Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, two Vice Premiers and several Ministers have visited India since 1991. From India, the President, Prime Minister, Vice President and several Union Ministers have visited China in the same period.

(b) In 1993 and 1994, seventeen high level visits to China have taken place.

(c) and (d) As a result of joint efforts by both countries India-China relations have improved steadily in the last few years. Bilateral trade reached US $ 895 million in 1994 as compared to US $ 675 million in 1993. A number of India-China collaborations are in operation in both countries and others are in the process of being set up. Border trade has been opened at two points in UP and Himachal Pradesh respectively, and further points are being discussed. Exchanges in areas such as science and technology, agriculture, space, social welfare, coal, steel, audit, civil, service training and personnel management are growing. Festivals of China and India were conducted in each others countries. The situation along the India-China border is peaceful.

Indo-Pak talks on inspection of nuclear facilities

5462. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item captioned "Pak for talks with India on nuclear inspection", which was published in 'The Hindustan Times' dated the 19th April, 1995, on the issue of opening nuclear facilities for international inspection;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto particularly on promotion of nuclear non-proliferation in South Asia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government have seen media reports quoting Pakistan Foreign Minister as saying that the "issue of opening nuclear facilities for international inspection is a bileteral issue which Pakistan is prepared to sit down and discuss with India."

(c) The reported proposal by Pakistan is not now. Pakistan's proposal to discuss nuclear non-proliferation in a bilateral context have been consistently rejected by India. Government are aware that such proposals are often made by Pakistan in order to divert international attention away from Pakistan's clandestine weapons-oriented 'nuclear' programme.

पासपोर्ट पुस्तिकाओं की कमी

5463. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री मूलचन्द्र मीणा :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या देश में भोपाल तथा अन्य क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालयों में पासपोर्ट पुस्तिकाओं की कमी है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस स्थिति को सुधारने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या कदम उठाय जा रहे हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर०एल० भाटिया): (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।